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TAGS: OVIP (TODMAN, TERENCE A.)

SUBJECT: TRAVEL OF ASSISTANT SECRETARY TODMAN
REF: ASUNCION 1871, CARACAS 4686.

FOR AMBASSADOR LANDAU

1. CARACAS REFTEL ADVISED THAT TODMAN UNABLE TO REVISE
SCHEDULE TO INCLUDE STOPOVER IN ASUNCION. URUGUAY HAS ALSO
BEEN PRESSING FOR STOP WHICH COULD NOT BE INCLUDED IN
THIS ROUND. FYI. TODMAN NOW UNABLE TO PROCEED WITH HIS
SCHEDULED VISIT TO BUENOS AIRES BECAUSE OF FLIGHT
CANCELLATION. END FYI.

2. IN ADDITION TO RELAYING TODMAN'S ASSURANCE OF A VISIT TO
ASUNCION DURING HIS SECOND TRIP, YOU MAY WISH TO INFORM FO-
REIGN MINISTER NOGUES THAT THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY HAD
ONLY TEN DAYS AVAILABLE FOR TRIP AND PRACTICAL DECISIONS
HAD TO BE MADE REGARDING STOPS TO BE INCLUDED ON FIRST
TRIP. THE DECISIONS WERE IN GREAT PART INFLUENCED BY THE
PRESSURE OF CURRENT IMPORTANT PROBLEMS TO BE DISCUSSED.
FOR EXAMPLE, BOLIVIA WAS INCLUDED BECAUSE WE HAVE 35
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AMERICAN CITIZENS IN JAIL IN THAT COUNTRY, AND THERE IS
GREAT PUBLIC PRESSURE ON THE DEPARTMENT TO EFFECT THEIR

REPATRIATION; ARGENTINA WAS INCLUDED IN PART BECAUSE IT
IS THE PRESENT CENTER OF HUMAN RIGHTS ATTENTION IN
CONGRESS. WE ALSO HOPE THAT SCHEDULING LATER WILL
PERMIT A LESS HURRIED VISIT.

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